



# What is Pam Smart really like?

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**begins Tuesday**

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EXETER, N.H. — Linda Wojas' voice came hard and bitter across the telephone line.

The media has pilloried her daughter, Pamela Smart, she said. Mrs. Smart — accused of conspiracy to murder — has already been "tried and found guilty" by the press.

"It's a fun rampage for you people," Mrs. Wojas said. "And no one has the courage to look at the kind of person Pam really is."

What kind of a person is Mrs. Smart — the petite, pretty blond accused of conspiring to murder her young husband?

Prosecutors say she is a skilled manipulator — a school official who used sex, lies and money to convince a quartet of teen-age boys to kill her husband — and then, when she had implicated herself on a series of secret tapes, plotted from prison to murder Cecelia Pierce, the state's star witness.

Pam Smart's lawyers, Mark Sisti and Paul Twomey, said the charges — including allegations that their client solicited Miss Pierce's murder — "are garbage."

Her family and friends said she is a

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**Maiden of metal:** Pam Smart of Derry, N.H., a media director at Winnacunnet High, is accused of seducing a student into gunning down her husband Gregory.



**Star witness:** Cecelia Pierce, 16, helped police tape conversations with Mrs. Smart and then sold movie rights to her story.



**Triggerman:** William Flynn, 17, Seabrook, N.H., admitted to shooting Greg Smart in the head, in company of two friends.



**Held him down:** Patrick Randall, 17, Seabrook, N.H., pleaded guilty to holding Mr. Smart down.



**His father's gun:** Vance Lattime, 18, Seabrook, N.H., told prosecutors he borrowed his father's gun for the killing.



**Odd man out:** Raymond Fowler, 19, Seabrook, N.H., allegedly botched an earlier murder attempt.



# Pam Smart's friends say she is hostage of legal system

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"hostage" of the legal system. They wear yellow ribbons to symbolize their support.

A jury — scheduled for selection beginning Tuesday in Rockingham County Superior Court — will make the final decision.

Some 160 potential jurors will be at the courthouse Tuesday — the largest jury pool ever assembled in Rockingham County.

The selection of an impartial jury to hear evidence in the notorious case — featured on several tabloid television programs and covered in-depth by area media — is expected to take two weeks.

Although Mrs. Smart's lawyers have said that publicity may have made seating a jury impossible, Judge Douglas Gray has refused a defense request for a change of venue.

The judge has reserved the option of moving the trial to another



**Gunned down:** Gregory Smart, 24, popular and successful salesman, worked alongside his father at Metropolitan Insurance in Nashua, N.H. He loved his young wife dearly.

county if a jury cannot be seated.

Once jury selection is complete, the trial will open with a tour of the Smarts' home in Derry and the

high school in Hampton.

The trial is expected to feature testimony from at least three of the four boys charged in connection with the murder:

**William Flynn**, Mrs. Smart's alleged lover and the triggerman;

**Patrick Randall**, who held Mr. Smart down;

**Vance Lattime**, who took his father's gun and drove the car to the murder.

Mr. Flynn pleaded guilty to second-degree murder last month. Mr. Lattime and Mr. Randall both pleaded guilty as accomplices to second-degree murder.

**Raymond Fowler**, the fourth youth, was arrested the day before the boys entered their pleas. He is charged with attempted murder in connection with an earlier, botched attempt on Mr. Smart's life.

**Miss Pierce** — who sold her story for \$100,000 to Once Upon a Time Production, Los Angeles — is also scheduled to testify.

Although Miss Pierce knew

about the murder in advance, she did not speak up until Mr. Smart was dead and Derry police had questioned her twice.

The third time, she agreed to help police. Wearing a microphone in her shirt, she asked Mrs. Smart about the crime.

Defense lawyers are expected to question her closely about the money she made from the case and her failure to step forward when she first learned of the plot.

Prosecutors will stress that

Mrs. Smart was so afraid of what Miss Pierce would say that she tried from prison to arrange the teenager's murder.

Mrs. Smart was indicted in January on charges of conspiring with Marianne Moses, another inmate at the state women's prison in Goffstown, N.H., to murder Miss Pierce.

According to the witness lists filed with the court, both the defense and prosecution expect to call several other women prison-

ers. The witness lists also indicate there will be testimony from state and local police officers; Dr. Roger Fossum, the state's chief medical examiner; Diane Lattime, Vance Lattime's mother; several of Mrs. Smart's friends and colleagues, her mother, and her father, John.

"The main thing is that I believe in my daughter," said Mrs. Wojas. "I don't believe any of this ever happened."

## Chronology: Suspect appeared bereft

On May 1, 1990 Pamela Smart, 22, media director at Winnacunnet High School in Hampton, N.H., returned from a school meeting and found her husband, Gregory, 24, dead in the entry of their Derry, N.H. home.

Neighbors said her screams echoed around the quiet cul-de-sac. He had been shot once in the head at close range. The young couple had been married less than a year.

For the next several weeks, Mrs. Smart discussed her love for her husband — a popular, award-winning agent with Metropolitan Life Insurance, Nashua, N.H. — in dozens of interviews.

She also collected on a \$140,000 life insurance policy and moved to a new home in Hampton, N.H.

She apologized for mismatched

sofas during one interview, implying her husband's blood ruined the white one of the set.

During mid-June, while she was settling into her new apartment, Vance and Diane Lattime Sr. of Seabrook, N.H. were facing a decision that eventually landed their son in jail.

The Lattimes had learned from another Seabrook teen that a handgun kept in their home might have been used in a murder in which the victim's last name was "Smart."

Mr. Lattime took the gun to police.

His son, Vance "J.R." Lattime, 18, and two other Seabrook youths — William Flynn and Patrick "Pete" Randall, both 17 — were arrested soon afterward and charged in connection with Grego-

ry Smart's death.

By late June, rumors were rife in Seabrook — William Flynn had been Mrs. Smart's lover and she had promised the boys money for murder.

"I hear the rumors," Mrs. Smart said then, "but if any newspaper prints any of those rumors, then so help me, I'll sue the pants off them."

In mid-July, police were working with Cecelia Pierce, 16, a Winnacunnet student who had idolized Mrs. Smart.

Twice Miss Pierce told Derry police she had no knowledge of the murder. The third time they asked, she agreed to wear a hidden listening device. It allowed police to tape Mrs. Smart as she discussed the crime.

Prosecutors say the tapes recorded Mrs. Smart warning Miss Pierce that the truth would send her and all three boys to prison for the rest of

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